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## **DARREN STEVENS FOUND NOT GUILTY OF CORRUPTION CHARGES IN BANGLADESH CRICKET BOARD TRIBUNAL**

Earlier today, Darren Stevens was acquitted of all charges at the Anti-Corruption Tribunal Hearing in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

In proceedings heard by a 3-person Tribunal headed by Justice Chowdhury, and also heard by Ajmalul Hossain QC and Mr Shakil Kasem, Mr. Stevens was acquitted of all charges by the Tribunal.

Stevens, one of the most-liked and popular cricketers in both English domestic cricket and also world-wide, has always maintained his innocence and insists that he has never ever had any involvement in any form of corrupt activities. His exemplary disciplinary record and the fact that his success on the pitch last year led to him receiving numerous cricketing awards including being awarded the Player of the Season at Kent CCC. He recently was awarded the 'Cricket Society's Wetherall Award for the best all-rounder in first-class cricket'.

Darren Stevens stated,

*I am truly grateful to the Tribunal for acquitting me of the charges. I am also grateful to all those who have stood by me throughout this long and difficult process. My family, peers, club, fans and in particular my barrister Yasin Patel who believed in me and fought my corner throughout.*

*I have always played the game honestly, with integrity and to the best of my ability. I have given 100% on the field of play and I am truly grateful to the Tribunal that they have found me Not Guilty of any wrong-doing to do with the Code. I am now looking forward to going home and playing for Kent in the forthcoming season.*

In relation to other players who have pleaded guilty or been found guilty, The Tribunal will sentence them at a future date.

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